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1. Upon receipt of your message, I called the Chinese on Sunday and set up a meeting today, Monday. After opening pleasantries, I told the Ambassador that I had another report from you on your Mid-East mission in the spirit of keeping the Chinese informed on important international issues. He commented that press reports indicated that you had made a breakthrough at the end of your trip.

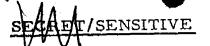
After confirming this, I read him your oral message. He thanked us and said that he would report immediately to his government.

2. The Ambassador again was amused by the way we were handling the Soviet participation and commented that at most the U.S. and Soviet Ambassadors would be witnesses to the formal signing in Geneva. He noted that the papers suggested that you might be back on Thursday, and I replied that my personal estimate was that it was apt to be the weekend before you returned. He noted

that before you left he wished that you would gain new achievements,

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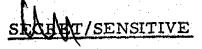
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agreement between the two sides. Of course, this agreement was only a preliminary one and there was still much to be done after this; as Vice Premier Teng Hsiao-p'ing had said to you, if Israel does not withdraw from the Golan Heights at the end, Syria will not agree to it. He added that you had also said that you held this view but that it should be done in steps. He said that this had really been a very arduous trip for you, and I noted that it will be four weeks if you get back next weekend.

- 3. During informal conversation, Ambassador Huang commented on the French election and said that he was personally not surprised at the outcome because he estimated that D'Estaing would win. This also confirmed your estimate and suggested that you must be pleased with the results.
- 4. In a brief digression on cancer and the mystifying nature of the disease, the Ambassador said that this was an area where countries of the world should cooperate to try to find solutions and recalled that President Nixon had mentioned this during his trip to China.

 5. As before, Political Counselor Tsien Ta-Yung and Interpreter Chi Chao Chu were also present, and the atmosphere was very

Warm regards and congratulations.



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